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The following items were adopted at the June 10, 1999, Commission meeting and released later that day.

NEWS RELEASES

FCC INITIATES PUBLIC ACCESS VIA THE INTERNET; ACTS ON PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ITS ULS ORDER. Commission Also Receives Vice President's Hammer Award for Reinventing Government. The FCC adopted a Report and Order enabling the public to access application and licensing information in the Universal Licensing System (ULS) via the Internet. Report No: WT-99-16. by R&O & MO&O. Action by: the Commission. Adopted: June 10, 1999. Dkt No.: WT-98-20, 95-69, 96-188,. (FCC No. 99-139, FCC-99-140) News Media Contact: Meribeth McCarrick (202) 418-0654. WTB. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News_Releases/1999/nrw19025.html

FCC ADOPTS RULES PROMOTING GREATER SPECTRUM EFFICIENCY IN PRIVATE WIRELESS RADIO SERVICES. The FCC adopted rules which more readily facilitate the use of "centralized trunking" by private wireless spectrum users. This action is another example of how the FCC is promoting spectrum efficiency through consolidation and better coordination of private wireless spectrum. Report No: WT-99-15. by 3rd MO&O. Action by: the Commission. Adopted: June 10, 1999. Dkt No.: PR-92-235. (FCC No. 99-138) News Media Contact: Meribeth McCarrick (202) 418-0654. WTB Contact: Michael Wilhelm at (202) 418-0680, TTY: (202) 418-7233, email: mwilhelm@fcc.gov. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News_Releases/1999/nrw19022.html

FCC ADOPTS DECLARATORY RULING AND NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON CALLING PARTY PAYS. The FCC adopted a Declaratory Ruling and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to help facilitate the offering of Calling Party Pays (CPP) as an optional wireless service to consumers in the United States By Declaratory Ruling and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Report No: WT-99-14. by Fourth Report. Action by: the Commission. Adopted: June 10, 1999. Dkt No.: 97-207. (FCC No. 99-137) News Media Contact: Meribeth McCarrick (202) 418-0654. WTB Contact: Joseph Levin or David Siehl at (202) 418-1310, via email: jlevin@fcc.gov or dsiehl@fcc.gov, TTY: (202) 418-7233. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News_Releases/1999/nrw19021.html

FCC INITIATES PROCEEDING TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPETITIVE NETWORKS. The FCC initiated a proceeding intended to facilitate the development of competitive telecommunications networks that will provide consumers with alternatives to services provided by the incumbent wireline local exchange carriers (LECs). Report No: WT-99-17. by NPRM & NOI. Action by: the Commission. Adopted: June 10, 1999. Dkt No.: WT-99-217, CC-96-98. (FCC No. 99-141) News Media Contact: Meribeth McCarrick (202) 418-0654. WTB Contact: Jeffrey Steinberg at (202) 418-0896, email: jsteinbe@fcc.gov, Joel Taubenblatt at (202) 418-1513, email: jtaubenb@fcc.gov, TTY: (202) 418-7233. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News_Releases/1999/nrw19023.html

FCC ADOPTS FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT ON STATE OF WIRELESS COMPETITION. The FCC adopted its annual report on the state of competition in the commercial mobile radio services (CMRS) marketplace. The Fourth Report evaluates competition using consumer-oriented categories, regardless of their regulatory classification. Report No: WT-99-13. by Fourth Report. Action by: the Commission. Adopted: June 10, 1999. (FCC No. 99-136) News Media Contact: Meribeth McCarrick (202) 418-0654. WTB Contact: Alexander Byron at (TTY: (202) 418-7233, abyron@fcc.gov or Cynthia Schieber at (202) 418-7530, TTY: (202) 418-7233, email: cschieber@fcc.gov, email: mmccarri@fcc.gov. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News_Releases/1999/nrw19024.html

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The following items are dated for and released on June 11, 1999:

NEWS RELEASES

FCC PROPOSES REDUCTIONS IN TESTING PROCEDURES FOR AM DIRECTIONAL ANTENNAS. The FCC today proposed to substantially lessen the testing and verification procedures for AM radio stations that use directional antennas. Report No: MM-99-6. by NPRM. Action by: the Commission. Adopted: May 28, 1999. Dkt No.: MM-93-177. (FCC No. 99-126) News Media Contact: David Fiske (202) 418-0500. MMB Contact: Dennis Williams at (202) 418-02720 or Peter Doyle at (202) 418-2780. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/News_Releases/1999/nrmm9014.wp

OPEN PROCEEDINGS. OPA Contact: Martha Contee at (202) 418-0260, email: mcontee@fcc.gov. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Open_Proceeding/op990611.html

FCC CHAIRMAN KENNARD MEETS WITH SENATORS; MAPS OUT STRATEGY FOR RURAL ACCESS TO HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICES. News Media Contact: Joy Howell (202) 418-0500. OPA. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/News_Releases/1999/nrmc9043.wp

PUBLIC NOTICES

Report No: TEL-00097S. Released: June 11, 1999. STREAMLINED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING SECTION 214 APPLICATIONS (47 C.F.R. SECTION 63.18); CABLE LANDING LICENSE APPLICATIONS (47 C.F.R. SECTION 1.767) REQUESTS TO AUTHORIZE SWITCHED SERVICES OVER PRIVATE LINES (47 C.F.R. SECTION 63.16.); SECTION 310(B)(4) REQUESTS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public_Notices/1999/pnin9112.pdf

Report No: 44506. Released: June 11, 1999. BROADCAST ACTIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Actions/ac990611.txt

Report No: 24506A. Released: June 11, 1999. BROADCAST ACTIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Actions/pnmm9106.wp

Report No: 24506. Released: June 11, 1999. BROADCAST APPLICATIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Applications/ap990611.txt

Report No: 104. Released: June 11, 1999. INSTRUCTIONAL TV FIXED SERVICE ACTIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/ITFS_Notices/pnmm9104.html

Report No: PGL99-3. Released: June 11, 1999. LOW POWER/TELEVISION TRANSLATORS: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION PERMITS. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/LPTV_Notices/pnmm9103.wp

Report No: 110. Released: June 11, 1999. INSTRUCTIONAL TV FIXED SERVICE APPLICATIONS/AMENDMENTS TENDERED FOR FILING. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/ITFS_Notices/pnmm9105.html

Report No: 2339. Released: June 11, 1999. OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS REFERENCE OPERATIONS DIVISION PETITIONS FOR RULEMAKING FILED. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public_Notices/1999/pnmc9051.wp

Report No: 2334. Released: June 11, 1999. OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS REFERENCE OPERATIONS DIVISION PETITIONS FOR RULEMAKING FILED. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public_Notices/1999/pnmc9050.wp

TEXTS

MEREDITH CABLE. Granted complaints filed against the rates charged for cable programming services tier increase in various communities in MN. Denied Petition for Reconsideration of DA-95-319. Action by Deputy Chief, Cable Services Bureau. Adopted: June 8, 1999. by Order. (DA No. 99-1138). CSB Internet URL:

<https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1999/da991138.wp>

MEREDITH CABLE. Granted complaints filed against the rates charged for cable programming services tier increase in Burnsville and Eagan, MN. Denied Petition for Reconsideration of DA-95-320. Action by Deputy Chief, Cable Services Bureau. Adopted: June 8, 1999. by Order. (DA No. 99-1139). CSB Internet URL:

<https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1999/da991139.wp>

MEREDITH CABLE. Granted complaints filed against rates charged for cable programming services tier increase in Columbia Heights and Hilltop, MN. Denied Petition for Reconsideration of DA-95-2114. Action by Deputy Chief, Cable Services Bureau. Adopted: June 8, 1999. by Order. (DA No. 99-1140). CSB Internet URL:

<https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1999/da991140.wp>

GREAT EMPIRE BROADCASTING, INC. AND JOURNAL BROADCAST CORPORATION. Granted Application of Great Empire Broadcasting, Inc. and Journal Broadcast Corporation for the Transfer of Control of Omaha Great Empire Broadcasting, Inc., licensee of WOW(AM) and WOW(FM), Omaha, Nebraska. Action by the Commission. Adopted: June 10, 1999. by MO&O. (FCC No. 99-142). MMB Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1999/fcc99142.wp

JOLIET, MT, ET AL. Effective July 26, 1999, amended FM Table for various communities. Dkt No.: MM-99-12, et al. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: June 2, 1999. by R&O. (DA No. 99-1145). MMB Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1999/da991145.wp

IRONTON AND SALEM, MISSOURI. Effective July 26, 1999, amended FM Table for these communities. Dkt No.: MM-99-71. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: June 2, 1999. by R&O. (DA No. 99-1146). MMB Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1999/da991146.wp

KERRVILLE, LEAKY AND MASON, TEXAS. Effective July 26, 1999, amended FM Table for these communities. Dkt No.: MM-97-244. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass

Media Bureau. Adopted: June 2, 1999. by R&O. (DA No. 99-1119). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1999/da991119.wp

RENO, TX, FORT BENTON AND FAIRFIELD, MT. Effective July 26, 1999, amended FM Table to allot channels to these communities. Dkt No.: MM-99-62, MM-99-60, MM-99-59. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: June 2, 1999. by R&O. (DA No. 99-1134). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1999/da991134.wp

IN THE MATTER OF AN INQUIRY INTO THE COMMISSION'S POLICIES AND RULES REGARDING AM RADIO SERVICE DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION. Proposed reductions in testing procedures for AM directional antennas. Dkt No.: MM-93-177. Action by the Commission. Adopted: May 28, 1999. by NPRM. (FCC No. 99-126). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1999/fcc99126.txt

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT OF SECTION 73.202(B), TABLE OF ALLOTMENTS, FM BROADCAST STATIONS, (MASON, TEXAS)(RM 9337). Proposed amending FM Table by allotment of Channel 239C2 at Mason, Texas, as a second local FM broadcast service. Comments Due: August 2, 1999; Reply Comments Due: August 17, 1999. Dkt No.: MM-99-215. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: June 2, 1999. by NPRM. (DA No. 99-1142). MMB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1999/da991142.wp

ADDENDA: The following items, released June 10, 1999, did not appear in Digest No. 110:

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: June 10, 1999. COMMON CARRIER BUREAU WILL HOLD FORA ON DEREGULATION/PRIVITIZATION OF EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION AND TELEPHONE NETWORK CONNECTION RULES (47 C.F.R. PART 68) JULY 12 AND JULY 13. Comments Due: July 2, 1999. (DA No. 99-1108). Contact: Martha Contee at (202) 418-0260, email: mcontee@fcc.gov. News Media Contact: Emily Hoffnar (202) 418-0253. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1999/da991108.wp

Released: June 10, 1999. NETWORK SERVICES DIVISION COMMON CARRIER BUREAU SECTION 214 APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING NSD FILE NO. W-P-D-434 APPLICANT: MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION. Contact: Network Services Division: Al McCloud at (202) 418-2499, email: amcccloud@fcc.gov, TTY: (202) 418-0484. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1999/pncc9014.wp

Released: June 10, 1999. PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY EX PARTE PRESENTATIONS - TABLE OF DOCKET NUMBERS WITH DESCRIPTORS. Contact: Shirley Suggs at (202) 418-0310. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public_Notices/Exparte/1999/ex990610.html

ADDENDA: The following items, released June 8, 1999, did not appear in Digest No. 108:

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: June 8, 1999. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES IT IS PREPARED TO GRANT LOCATION AND MONITORING SERVICE LICENSES AFTER FINAL PAYMENT IS

MADE.Auction Event No. 21 Report No. AUC-18-K (Auction No. 21). (DA No. 99-1124). Contact: Linda C. Chang at (202) 418-7240. News Media Contact: Meribeth McCarrick (202) 418-0654. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1999/da991124.wp

ADDENDA: The following items, released June 7, 1999, did not appear in Digest No. 107:

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: June 7, 1999. EX PARTE PRESENTATIONS AND POST-REPLY COMMENT PERIOD FILINGS IN PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE PROCEEDINGS. Contact: Barbara Lowe at (202) 418-0310. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Miscellaneous/Public_Notices/Exparte/1999/ex990607.html